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## **Pennsylvania Egg Production Up 1 Percent in 2018**

**HARRISBURG, PA** - - Egg production in Pennsylvania during the year ending November 30, 2018 totaled 8.42 billion eggs, up 1 percent from the 8.34 billion eggs produced in 2017, according to King Whetstone, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Northeastern Regional Field Office. Table egg production, at 8.07 billion eggs, was up 1 percent from the previous year. Hatching egg production, at 354 million eggs, was down 2 percent from 2017.

Pennsylvania layer numbers during 2018 averaged 28.5 million, up 1 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 2018 was 296, up slightly from 2017.

The total number of chickens on hand on December 1, 2018 (excluding commercial broilers) was 34.1 million birds, was down 1 percent from last year.

The total value of all chickens on December 1, 2018 was \$122.8 million, down 15 percent from December 1, 2017. The average value decreased from \$4.20 per bird on December 1, 2017, to \$3.60 per bird on December 1, 2018.

For the complete 2018 "Chickens and Eggs Annual Summary" go to:  
<https://usda.library.cornell.edu/concern/publications/1v53jw96n>

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